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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8955**  
Yoshihisa SHIRASAKI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0638A  
Serial No. 10/582,015 : Group Art Unit 1654  
Filed June 7, 2006 : Examiner Christina Bradley  
ALPHA-KETOAMIDE DERIVATIVE, :  
AND PRODUCTION METHOD AND  
USE THEREOF **Mail Stop: Amendment**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 25, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: